## THERAPEUTIC USE OF METHIONINE TO REDUCE THE TOXICITY OF PLATINUM-CONTAINING ANTI-TUMOR COMPOUNDS

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Methods of preventing or reducing ototoxicity in patients undergoing treatment with therapeutically effective amounts of platinum-containing chemotherapeutic agents such as cisplatin or aminoglycoside antibiotics are provided. The methods comprise administering an effective amount of an otoprotective agent comprising methionine or a methionine-like moiety to said patient prior to, simultaneously with, or subsequently to administration of the platinum-containing chemotherapeutic agent or aminoglycoside antibiotic.

Combinations of these time periods can also be employed.